

## FOR RELEASE ON BAIL

Attorneys for Mrs. Bonine Preparing an Application.

## VISITORS NOT PERMITTED TO SEE HER

Slow Progress in the Investigation of Hotel Tragedy.

## THEORIES VOLUNTEERED

Douglas & Douglas, attorneys for Mrs. Lohia Hemi Bonine, who is in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury for alleged complicity in the killing of James Seymour Ayres, said this afternoon that application for the release of their client on bail will be made this morning.

Monday, the time demanding of their ability to properly prepare the case for presentation. Messrs. Leckie & Fulton have been retained as associate counsel, and the attorneys are now devoting their attention to the preparation of the papers.

Mrs. Bonine said this morning that when she arose she felt much refreshed. She retired earlier than usual last night, and slept until the usual hour for the prisoners to get up and dress for breakfast.

Although she has been in jail but three days, she has become accustomed to the change of living, and if she remains there any length of time the officials feel certain her health already good, will greatly improve.

She has a relish, and has no complaint to make about her treatment so far as the jail officials are concerned. She is not in the least nervous, in view of the testimony given at the inquest, and she has been given to understand that she will be released either on bail or under a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. Creed M. Fulton and Mr. Charles A. Douglas of defendant's counsel went to the court yesterday afternoon to see Mr. Bonine, and held a conference with the prisoner. The latter went over the case with her attorneys, and they were able to make a showing in court in the matter of asking that bond be fixed for her release.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Fry and Berry called on Mrs. Bonine and questioned her in order that they might be able to give testimony at the trial. They were at the hearing on a motion to admit to bail. Friends of Mrs. Bonine feel confident that bond will be accepted in the case, and that she will be released.

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While at the jail yesterday counsel renewed the request given Tuesday that nobody be permitted to see Mrs. Bonine without an order from them. Wardens have complied with the request, and no one has been allowed to see her since Tuesday.

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## COMBIE AGAINST JOHNSON

COL. KILBOURNE AND J. R. McLEAN FORM ALLIANCE.

They Will Fight the Populistic Ideas of the Mayor in Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 24.—Kilbourne and McLean have effected a complete alliance to prevent the Johnson-Lentz combination controlling the state convention. The latter proposes to make Lentz temporary chairman of the convention, and in that capacity he would sound the keynote of the campaign. Kilbourne and McLean oppose to prevent the insertion in the platform of the populist notions of Mayor Johnson and Mayor Jones.

In order to prevent the convention coming under Johnson's influence, Kilbourne and McLean will endeavor to change the location of the convention from Cleveland to Columbus. The state central committee has not formally fixed the place of the convention, but an informal vote taken some weeks ago placed it at Cleveland, July 23-25. It looks as though the question whether McLean and Kilbourne or Johnson and Lentz should control the convention would be settled in the committee meeting here.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 24.—That Tom L. Johnson has succeeded in building a political machine large to fight John R. McLean in supreme contest for the control of the party machinery in this state, there can be no doubt. He swept everything at the primaries last evening. Mayor Johnson has not the slightest fear of the plan which McLean has adopted of reducing the representation in this county to fifteen delegates. On the basis of the vote for Bryan this morning, Johnson's delegates would be only 7,000 votes in this county.

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## ARREST ON BENCH WARRANT

SURPRISE SPRUNG TODAY IN STAR-RING ROBBERY CASE.

Indictment Reported and Defendant Again Placed Under Arrest—Application for Writ Dismissed.

United States Attorney Gould sprung a surprise this afternoon in the Starling robbery case. Justice Bradley served today a writ of habeas corpus directing the warden of the District jail to produce the man accused of the crime, Lewis Francis Mortimer, or Monroe, in court at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It developed that Mortimer, or whatever his correct name may be, was indicted at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At the request of the United States attorney and by direction of the court the indictment was not recorded, the grand jury was taken into court for the special purpose of reporting this particular writ bill being kept in the background. Indictments in four minor cases were, however, spread on the records. A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of Mortimer, and that action was also kept quiet.

When the defendant reached the city hall shortly before 2 o'clock Deputy United States Marshal Mortimer served the bench warrant. The prisoner and his counsel were disconcerted by the latest move in the case, and Mortimer, on hearing of it, gave way to tears.

When he left the jail for the court house Mortimer was confident that he would be released from custody and the question of the habeas corpus proceedings, but when the case was called Attorney Sands, of counsel for the prisoner, announced that in view of the fact that an indictment had been reported and a bench warrant served thereon, he would, of course, consent to order dismissing the writ. Justice Bradley made no objection to the dismissal of the writ.

At the conclusion of the brief hearing the prisoner adjourned to the office of United States Attorney Gould, where he was held by the United States marshal. Mortimer was introduced to Mr. Gould. Mr. Gould stated that he has known Mr. Mortimer for a long time, and believed him to be a reputable citizen.

The conference was in progress at 3 o'clock when the United States attorney submitted, Mr. McCuskey being offered as surety.

How Supplies Were Sold.

Orders were given by the commissary sergeant in charge of a warehouse for delivery of certain goods to the civilian teamster. This teamster would deliver the goods to parties to whom they were previously sold by some other individual in the alleged conspiracy, and the money would be divided pro rata among the men engaged in the conspiracy. The methods of Maj. Davis, the former depot commissary, and of Capt. Read, allowed the system to go on. Maj. West, in reporting to General MacArthur, recommended that a commissioned officer be placed in charge of each warehouse, and that he be made responsible for the property.

From a report made by Col. Woodruff it appears that he became satisfied that the property of the commissary was being abused. This induced him to make an investigation, and it was found that flour, bacon and other supplies in small amounts were being sold in Manila. It was also found that the rationing was not used by the troops.

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## SALES OF SUPPLIES

General MacArthur's Report Received at the Department.

EXONERATION OF COLONEL WOODRUFF FOUND.

Lax Methods Said to Have Been Followed.

## RESULTS OF INQUIRY

The report of Gen. MacArthur in regard to the investigation made as to the alleged complicity of Col. Woodruff and other commissary officers of the regular army in the recent frauds in the commissary department at Manila, has been received at the War Department. This report, it is understood, exonerates Woodruff from all criminal connection with the transaction. Some of his subordinate officers, however, are said to be criticised for lax methods of doing business.

Col. Woodruff's Investigation.

It appears from the officials' reports that Col. Woodruff had set on foot an investigation of the irregularities, especially those relating to the sale of commissary supplies, before the arrival of Major West, although Major West also began an independent investigation. When Major West became depot commissary he found a very lax state of affairs. There were several large warehouses, mostly in charge of commissary officers, and these warehouses were holding thousands of commissary supplies. The commissary officers were not accountable for the property under their charge. Major West decided to take an inventory of the commissary supplies, and he found that the warehouses were holding thousands of commissary supplies.

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